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1. A MISSION WORKING GROUP HAS STUDIED THE VARIOUS MATERIALS AF/N HAS PROVIDED ON PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR KING HASSAN'S DECEMBER VISIT. WE WILL BE PROVIDING MORE IDEAS AS TO THE DESIRED GOALS OF THE VISIT FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW (AND THE MOROCCAN), THEMES TO DRAW FROM IN TOASTS, AND A LIST OF AMERICANS WITH INTERESTS AND/OR CONNECTIONS IN MOROCCO FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. THIS TELEGRAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S RETURN TO MOROCCO, WHERE HE WILL PRESENT OPTIONS TO KING HASSAN. OUR THOUGHTS FOLLOW.

2. WASHINGTON VISIT: IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL MEETINGS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, WE AGREE THAT HASSAN SHOULD RECEIVE SECRETARY BROWN, ALTHOUGH WE FEEL
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THAT THE MILITARY ASPECT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE DOWNPLAYED, IT WOULD BE UNNATURAL NOT TO HAVE THIS MEETING.

SECRETARY KREBS - IN VIEW OF THE U.S. BUSINESS PRESENCE IN MOROCCO AND THE MISSION'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND THAT PRESENCE, DISCUSSION OF COMMERCE'S ROLE AND PITCH FOR GOM TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN U.S. IN THIS AREA MIGHT BE USEFUL.

ROBERT MCNAMARA - THE GOM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO

SCHEDULE THIS.

ADMIRAL TURNER - THE KING'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MET THE ADMIRAL IN JUNE AND IN VIEW OF OUR IMPORTANT COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE LOGICAL AND HELPFUL. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE KING WILL WISH THIS.

NEW EXIM PRESIDENT - EXIM'S PENDING EXPOSURE IS IMPORTANT IN MOROCCO, AND COULD INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY WERE IT TO FINANCE PART OF SONASID.

3. DEPENDING ON THE COMPOSITION OF KING'S ENTOURAGE, THE VISIT SHOULD SERVE AS AN OCCASION FOR WORKING LEVEL BILATERALS WITH TREASURY, AID, PEACE CORPS, AND PERHAPS BUREAU OF MINES OFFICIALS.

4. ON THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SIDE, THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SOUNDS GOOD TO US, AS DOES THE BARBARA WALTERS TAPING. IN ADDITION, AND TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM EXPOSURE, GOM MIGHT CONSIDER FACE THE NATION OR MEET THE PRESS. IF WALTERS TAPE IS NOT DONE, THEN ISSUES AND ANSWERS WOULD BE THIRD TV ALTERNATIVE.

5. REGARDING POSSIBLE HONORARY DEGREE FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WE MIGHT CHECK JOE SISCO, WHO KNOWS HASSAN WELL. IT OCCURS TO US THAT FUNCTION AT MT. VERNON MIGHT HAVE SOME APPEAL, TYING IT TO THE WELL-KNOWN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN GEORGE WASHINGTON AND SULTAN MOHAMMAD III, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS UNIQUE BICENTENNIAL BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MOROCCO. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE PROPOSED MEETINGS AND LUNCH WITH HILL FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES AND HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THESE ENCOUNTERS. THE LAST MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO VISIT MOROCCO WAS SENATOR PERCY, WHO SAW HASSAN IN JULY 1976. HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. IN FACT, HE AND HASSAN AGREED TO PLAY TENNIS IN WASHINGTON IF AND WHEN THE VISIT TOOK PLACE.

7. OTHER POSSIBILITIES KING HIMSELF MIGHT WISH TO DO ARE: A MEETING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS, POSSIBLY STILL ANOTHER WITH AFRICANS, A MEETING WITH THE MOROCCAN COMMUNITY, AND VISIT TO THE MOSQUE, THE KENNEDY CENTER (WHERE MOROCCO CONTRIBUTED PRICELESS CARPETS), AND ARLINGTON CEMETERY.

8. OUTSIDE WASHINGTON.

9. OPTION I, CHICAGO: FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, MAINLY LACK OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES TO FILL A FOUR-DAY PERIOD, WE SEE CHICAGO AS THE LEAST ATTRACTIVE OPTION. IT COULD, HOWEVER, BE PART OF A ONE-DAY PROGRAM WHICH WOULD TERMINATE IN THE SOUTH. FOLLOWING ARE IDEAS TO FLESH OUT OPTION I. THE GOM HAS A

YEAR-OLD TOURIST OFFICE IN CHICAGO AND HASSAN COULD USE THE TRIP TO GIVE IT A BOOST. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH PROMINENT U.S. BUSINESSMEN IN CHICAGO, HE COULD CONSIDER A TALK TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND A PRESS CONFERENCE.

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10. OPTION II, CALIFORNIA: TRAVEL TIME WOULD EAT INTO THE VISIT, BUT CALIFORNIA IS OUR SECOND CHOICE. IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES, A VISIT TO IRRIGATED FARMING IN THE IMPERIAL VALLEY MIGHT PROVE ATTRACTIVE. THE GOLDWYN STUDIOS WILL RELEASE IN A MONTH OR SO A FILM PARTIALLY PRODUCED IN MOROCCO "MARCH OR DIE", AND SOMETHING MIGHT BE TIED IN WITH THIS. THE REVIEWS LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED, BUT DICK RICHARD, THE PRODUCER TELLS ME "THE MOROCCANS WILL LIKE THE PICTURE". BEFORE FLOATING THIS IDEA, AFN SHOULD ARRANGE TO SEE IT. FINALLY, MEETINGS WITH PRESS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE USEFUL.

11. OPTION III, THE SOUTH: WE FAVOR THIS ABOVE OTHER OPTIONS, IN PART BECAUSE IT PERMITS MORE VARIED ACTIVITIES AND BECAUSE OF CLIMATE. THE MOROCCANS HAVE CONTRACTED TO OPEN A PAVILION AT DISNEY WORLD. FLORIDA'S PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION WOULD ALSO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY SINCE WESTINGHOUSE'S URANIUM OPERATION IS ALSO LOCATED HERE. IF TEXAS WERE ON THE ITINERARY, THERE IS THE KING RANCH, WHOSE CURRENT OPERATION IN MOROCCO HAS GREAT POTENTIAL. AN EXPOSURE TO DRYLAND FARMING WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO MOROCCO, WHICH HAS SIMILAR PROBLEMS. THE USUAL MEETINGS WITH WORLD AFFAIRS, PRESS, AND BUSINESS GROUPS COULD BE ARRANGED,

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AND GOVERNOR BUSBEE MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO ARRANGE A
ROUND-TABLE MEETING OF REGIONAL GOVERNORS, AS HE HAS DONE
IN THE PAST FOR VISITORS.

12. AN ADDED POSSIBILITY: A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
MINNESOTA AND AN HONORARY DEGREE AWARD WOULD BE VERY
FAVORABLY RECEIVED IF THIS COULD INCLUDE VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE (RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND ALSO GRADUATE OF THE
U OF M) NOT TO MENTION SENATOR HUMPHREY, WHO IS, OF COURSE,
A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE FOREIGN AID PROGRAM. THE U OF M
IS THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE HASSAN II INSTITUTE OF
AGRICULTURE AND VETERINARY MEDICINE. FURTHERMORE, SEVERAL
MOROCCAN STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING THE U OF M AND COULD MEET
THEIR SOVEREIGN. SUCH A PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH TAKING UP A FULL
DAY OF PROGRAMMING, MIGHT BE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION,
ESPECIALLY IF THE VP COULD PARTICIPATE.

13. JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT. WE WISH TO UNDERLINE
THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR AN AGREED JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT
TO BE ISSUED IN A COORDINATED FASHION.
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